

I certainly think it's unforgivable if after the discussion on this bill today and the information that has been provided to you that you go ahead and close your eyes and vote for a bill that is going to be totally unacceptable to the people in Nebraska. So I would urge that you vote not to advance the bill on Select File, let it come back again and let's adopt amendments that would make it a fair, a fairer and more equitable tax system for all of our citizens instead of passing this monstrosity in the present form it's in. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Hall, followed by Senators Withem, Abboud and Schmit.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President and members, LB 773 is a tax increase for about 70 some percent of the citizens of this state, plain and simple. And I offered a couple of amendments that I thought might make it a little better bill. Senator Johnson said, when I am out on the hustings next year, he has taken it for granted that I am going to run again, that I am going to have people ask me what I did to create jobs and to stir the economy in South Omaha. And, Senator Johnson, I think, more than that, I may get asked, why the heck did you raise my income taxes? Because that is exactly what we are doing through LB 773. We just need to know that. It's not a question of if, it's a question of when. We are going to raise taxes somewhere because things don't add up. Just what we have done to date and as far along as we are, not even looking at the budget, we are in a situation where we are going to have to raise some taxes somewhere and we have already passed a cigarette tax over. But, Senator Johnson, at least I can tell them I tried. I did try. Maybe I'm not done trying yet, but I did try. Senator Johnson, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I cannot resist, Senator Hall, I will yield to a question.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Johnson, I appreciate your chivalry. Would you tell me what happens when this bill gets passed over to E & R? What happens to a revenue bill like this? Does it get read on Final Reading whenever it comes up now? Or what's the process?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Senator Hall, this bill is a revenue raiser, as you have called this body's attention to and your constituents' attention to many times now. This bill raises taxes...raises money, it raises taxes, and raises money. There